



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A coupling for resilient interconnection of two objects, especially a ~~wheel axle housing (14) and a chassis (10) of a vehicle~~, comprising
[[-]] an internal coupling device ~~comprising~~ having a supporting piece [[(50)]], which extends in a axial direction and has an axial supporting piece portion [[(56)]],
[[-]] a rubber-elastic element [[(60)]], which is arranged ~~round~~ around the supporting piece portion [[(56)]] and has an ~~axially extending~~ outer surface extending parallel to the axial direction [[(64)]] and two ~~substantially radially extending~~ end surfaces extending substantially radially to the axial direction ~~(68, 70)~~, and
[[-]] an external coupling device [[(80)]] comprising two, approximately cup-shaped abutment members ~~(82, 84)~~, each member having [[with]] a tubular wall portion ~~(86, 88)~~ and a bottom portion ~~(90, 92)~~ defining an inner portion of the abutment member ~~(82, 84)~~, where each tubular wall portion ~~(86, 88)~~ has an inner surface ~~(98, 100)~~ arranged to extend along and radially outside a respective end ~~portions~~ portion of the outer surface [[(64)]] of the rubber-elastic element [[(60)]], the end of the tubular wall portion ~~(86, 88)~~ facing away from the bottom portion ~~(90, 92)~~ has an end surface ~~(94, 96)~~, and an inside ~~(102, 104)~~ wall of each bottom portion ~~(90, 92)~~ facing the inner portion of the abutment member ~~(82, 84)~~ ~~are each~~ is arranged to abut against an end surface ~~(68, 70)~~ of the rubber-elastic element [[(60)]] for axial compression thereof, ~~while~~ when the abutment members ~~(82, 84)~~ are pushed towards each other, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein

between the tubular wall portions (86, 88) and the rubber-elastic element ~~[[60]]~~, an axially extending sleeve (120) is mounted for relative ~~centring~~ centering of the abutment members (82, 84) and for counteracting ~~[[the]]~~ penetration of portions of the rubber-elastic element ~~[[60]]~~ between the end surfaces (94, 96) of the tubular wall portions (86, 88) during ~~[[the]]~~ axial compression of the rubber-elastic element ~~[[60]]~~.

2. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The coupling according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ between the inside wall of each bottom portion (90, 92) and an ~~adjacent~~ each end surface (68, 70) of the rubber-elastic element ~~[[60]]~~, an annular disc (130, 132) is mounted.

3. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The coupling according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the rubber-elastic element ~~[[60]]~~ is securely connected to the annular discs (130, 132).

4. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The coupling according to any one of the ~~preceding claims 1, 2, or 3 characterised in that wherein~~ the rubber-elastic element ~~[[60]]~~ is securely connected to the supporting piece ~~[[50]]~~.

5. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The coupling according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the sleeve (120) is securely connected to the rubber-elastic element ~~[[60]]~~ over the whole or ~~parts~~ a part of its length.